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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IZVESTIYA ON AMBASSADOR MURPHY'S SPEECH ON EAST
- ASIAN SECURITY

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AMBASSADOR MURPHY MADE NEITHER OF THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUT-
ED TO HIM BY IZVESTIYA (PARA ONE REFTEL).

- A. THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT SAY THAT THE US WOULD
- UNDER NO CONDITION WITHDRAW FROM THE BASES IN
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- THE PHILIPPINES. HE DID SAY THAT THE BASES
- ARE PART OF A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN
- PACIFIC DESIGNED TO INHIBIT POTENTIAL
- ADVERSARIES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY
- OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. HE DID
- SAY THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE
- US AND THE PHILIPPINES TO AMEND THE BASES

- AGREEMENT TO INSURE THE CONTINUED VIABILITY
 - OF THESE MILITARY FACILITIES ON TERMS WHICH
 - FULLY RESPECT PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY.
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- B. THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT SAY THAT THE US WILL
 - EQUIP ITS FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN
 - AND GUAM WITH THE "LATEST TYPES OF NUCLEAR
 - BOMBS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION"
 - IN ORDER TO REPEL THE SOVIET THREAT IN THE
 - PACIFIC. HE DID SAY THAT THE MILITARY
 - EQUILIBRIUM WHICH HAS EMERGED IN EAST ASIA
 - DURING THIS DECADE IS NOT NECESSARILY
 - PERMANENT; THAT SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH IN
 - ASIA AND THE PACIFIC CONTINUES TO GROW. HE
 - DID SAY THAT TO ASSURE A REASONABLY STABLE
 - SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IN EAST ASIA, WE
 - MAINTAIN FORCES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC WHICH
 - INCLUDE B-52S, BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES,
 - NINE USAF FIGHTER SQUADRONS, TWO AIRCRAFT
 - CARRIERS, TWO AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUPS, TWENTY
 - CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS, TWO-THIRDS OF A
 - MARINE DIVISION AND A MARINE AIR WING. HE
 - DID SAY THAT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS THESE
 - FORCES IN THE REGION WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY
 - THE INTRODUCTION OF TRIDENT NUCLEAR MISSILES
 - FOR THE SUBMARINE FLEETS, F-14 FIGHTERS FOR
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- THE CARRIERS, F-15'S FOR AIR FORCE SQUADRONS,
- THE AWACS SYSTEM AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS. HE
- DID SAY THAT THE PACIFIC FLEET WILL BE
- MODERNIZED AND INCREASED TO THE EXTENT THAT
- SHIPBUILDING SCHEDULES PERMIT. MURPHY

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